



STINGER SPORTS

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STINGERS TO HOST U.Q.T.R. IN BASKETBALL DOUBLEHEADER

The nationally ranked Concordia University Varsity men's and women's basketball teams will host the U.Q.T.R. Patriotes this Friday at the Concordia Athletic complex. The action gets underway with the women's contest at 6:30 p.m. followed by the men's game at 8:30 p.m..

The men's squad, presently ranked fifth in the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union national poll, upped their Quebec University Athletic Association record to 2-0 with an 85-76 victory over their downtown rival the McGill Redmen. Veteran captain Steve MacNeill and rookie sensation Biagio Caresse netted 24 points apiece as the Stingers avenged an earlier defeat suffered at the York Invitational Tournament.

Doug Daigneault's cagers now boast a 14-3 overall record, despite being hampered by a string of injuries over the last six weeks. Caresse missed several games prior to the Christmas break with a knee injury. All-Canadian Gary McKeigan missed the Concordia Centennial Tournament with a back injury which still hampers his play, and rookie starter Craig Norman is out with a leg injury.

Yet Concordia's bench strength has filled in brilliantly, particularly Rodney Jeanty (M.V.P. of the Centennial Tournament) and Alwyn Blackett. The Stingers downed the Patriotes 69-64 earlier this month in a closely contested game.

"This Friday's game is very important to us," Daigneault commented. "Three Rivers is a very talented team that is capable of beating everyone in the country. Hopefully we can stay on top of the league until everyone is healthy."

McKeigan leads the team in scoring with an 18.4 points average, while first year Rocco Margosian is the top rebounder with a 10.2 average.

The fourth-ranked women's team strengthened its hold on second place in the Q.U.A.A. last Tuesday with a 58-53 triumph over the McGill Martlets. Former All-Canadian Joann Bourque led the Stingers with 14 points while a trio of John Abbott College graduates, Janet Hylland, Beth Jordan and Lisen Moore all chipped in with eight points.

The female Stingers downed U.Q.T.R. 75-50 but the Patriotes were missing Hélène Cowan, last years leading scorer and rebounder, on December 10th.

"With Cowan in the line-up, U.Q.T.R becomes a completely different ball club. We need strong efforts against U.Q.T.R. and McGill to prepare us for a showdown with Bishop's, for first place in the league," states coach Mike Hickey.

HOCKEY STINGERS PLAY OTTAWA

Also at the Athletic Complex on Friday evening (January 28th) the hockey Stingers will play the first of a home and home series with the Ottawa Gee-Gees. Game time is 7:30 p.m.. The next day, the teams meet again in the Nation's Capital at 3 p.m. The Stingers have beaten Ottawa on two occasions this season 5-1 and 13-1 at Ottawa, while the Gee-Gees dumped the Stingers 6-2 last weekend in Quebec City.